

THE WAR OF 2024

THE YEAR OF 2024 AND THE CHALLENGES AND THE OPPORTUNITIES
THAT IT WILL USHER IN FOR THE BELIEVER.

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE WAR OF 2024 – PART 2

LIVING A VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE BY BEING EQUIPPED FOR EVERY DAY AND EVERY HOUR AND EVERY
MOMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

A New Year, A Call to Perseverance, Readiness, Nurturing Expectation, Discipleship.

1 Thessalonians 5:21

Test all things; hold fast what is good.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-22

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. **15** See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. **16** Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **19** Do not quench the Spirit. **20** Do not despise prophecies. **21** Test all things; hold fast what is good. **22** Abstain from every form of evil.

2 Timothy 2:4-7

No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. **5** And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. **6** The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. **7** Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

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1.) — Against The Truth

2.) — Against The Facts

3.) — Against The Faith

4.) — Against The Church

5.) — Against The Marriage

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6.) Against The Husband

Ephesians 5:25-28

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, **26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, **27** that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. **28** So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

By The Way Men – There Are No Options to This

Proverbs 18:21a

Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue.

1. The tone of your voice.
2. The words you use.
3. The attitude of your face.
4. The environment or atmosphere of your presence.



So What - WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?
HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.

**I'm calling upon all the men of this church
to dedicate themselves to being a Christ Follower, Men of God.**

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Ephesians 5:33

Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.

1 Corinthians 7:16

For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save *your* husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save *your* wife?

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7.) Against The Wife

The Power of a Godly Wife

Proverbs 12:4

An excellent wife is the crown (atarah – is the surrounding wreath of beauty), of her husband.

Proverbs 18:22

He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD.

1 Peter 3:1-4 ESV

Likewise, wives, be subject (follow his lead) **to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external - the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear - - 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.**

Proverbs 31:10-31

Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So, he will have no lack of gain. **12** She does him good and not evil all the days of her life. **13** She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands. **14** She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar. **15** She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household, and a portion for her maidservants. **16** She considers a field and buys it, from her profits she plants a vineyard. **17** She girds herself with strength and strengthens her arms. **18** She perceives that her merchandise is good, and her lamp does not go out by night. **19** She stretches out her hands to the distaff, (used to spin thread) and her hand holds the spindle **20** She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. **21** She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet. **22** She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. **23** Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. **24** She makes linen garments and sells them and supplies sashes for the merchants. **25** Strength and honor are her clothing; she shall rejoice in time to come. **26** She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. **27** She watches over the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. **28** Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: **29** "Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all." **30** Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. **31** Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.



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**Start Being Thankful and Saying It – Find Out What
{ Being Appreciated Means to Her }**

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8.) Against The Men

I believe that one of the - - if not the biggest battle that is raging against humanity has its origins in the doctrines of Satan.

Every man is to know from the Bible, what his Creator has created him to be, and why he has been placed here in this world.

We know the world is not serious about equality, justice, and rights.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us (3) make man in Our image,

Ya wanna talk about equality, justice, and rights?

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

The Advancing Lies Against Men Today

1. You cannot be strong.
2. You cannot be the leader.
3. You cannot have an opinion.
4. You cannot know what you want to do with your life.



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But Here's The Truth About Men
men are prepared to be men when they are boys.

1 Kings 2:2

"I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man.

1 Timothy 5:8 NLT

But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

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9.) Against The Women

A person is either insane or very ill who cannot recognize that a woman is a special creation of God, and without her man is incomplete.

Genesis 2:18

And the LORD God said, *"It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."*

comparable heb: agad

to be conspicuous, obvious, an ally, the answer, one who encourages, informs, denounces, displays, explains, to give evidence to, to inform. to speak plainly.

Our world is at war with women.

Why did Satan seek to single out Eve to lie to her?

Genesis 3:20

And Adam called his wife's name **Eve**, because she was the mother of all living.

2 Corinthians 11:3

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived **Eve** by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

A woman - From the beginning -
is a creation that is altogether different from what a man is.

**So What - WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?
HERE'S THE WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.**

Become a woman of God - Study the life of Abigail, Deborah, Sarah, Rebekah & Mary.

Have a Target Goal - Begin to pattern yourself after these heroes of the faith.

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10.) Against The Children

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

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Parents & Parenting

Masculinity (an x-y chromosome in science) is to be recognized,
and then affirmed through parenting.

Femininity (an x-x chromosome in science) is to be recognized,
and then affirmed through parenting.

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11.) Against The Good

(these next verses are not from today's headline news)

Rather it's some 2,700 years old, - the Bible said;

Isaiah 5:20-21a

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! **21** Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes,

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and 2,000 years ago, - the Bible said

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: **2** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

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12.) Against The Pulpit

Revelation 1:20-2:1a

The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands:
The seven stars are the angels (aggelos - the messenger) of the seven churches, (ekklesia - assembly, congregation, church) and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

2:1 "To the angel (aggelos - the messenger) of the church of Ephesus write...

This may sound self-serving - - but in reality, it is the opposite. "The pastor is to be a man called to be the voice of God to the church and to the culture to which he's been called. – The pastor's real-estate matters "location, location, location" is his pulpit and where he has been placed and those who are influenced by his calling - will be witnesses of it!

James 3:1

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

"The Christian must not allow himself to be entrapped by current vogues, in religion, and above all, he must never go to the world for his message. He is a man of heaven sent to give witness on earth. As he shall give account to the Lord that bought him, let him see to his commission."

A.W. Tozer

God tells the man who cares. Page 35

"According to the Bible;

The pulpit (1) It is the place where the truth is proclaimed without apology or dilution. (2), It is the place where the church is trained in righteousness. (3) It is the place where faith is ever increasing and developed, and (4) The pulpit Is the place where biblical doctrine has and is the final word."

The evidence of us living in the last days is clearly obvious by the lack of personal holiness and cultural effectiveness in and from the pulpit.

The pulpit is to be a place of prophetic importance.

By prophetic importance, I mean, it's to be the epicenter where the Word of God goes forth with power, and with the anointing of the Holy Spirit to prepare and equip the listeners to live out their own Christ-Like-Witness

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Jeremiah 3:15

I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 23:4

I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD.

Ephesians 4:11-12

And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

2 Timothy 4:1-4

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: **2** Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. **3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; **4** and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables

Let's Stand to Dedicate Ourselves to
the LORD in 2024

End of Study

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